



Washington, Dec. 2.—The whirligig of events is again dropping congress into the wings of the capitol. The nation is on the quiver. It will watch its proceedings with interest. Curious events preceded it, curious events await it, and curious events will inevitably follow it. A president has been chosen; a new congress elected. All the emotions that can stir the human heart entered into the contest—whole some, vile, virtuous, and vicious. The new president is not new, but the new congressional machine awaits a trial. The old machine is to run three months longer. It has been cleaned and renovated by the results of the election. Its cogs, valves, cylinders, pumps, and pistons are still in the working order. Its steel screws and plates shine like silver, and its brass ornaments have lost none of their luster. Today the great fly-wheel of legislation is poised on its axle awaiting the action of the man at the lever. On Monday it will move as easily and gracefully as the down of a dandelion. The chief engineer of the house left Dubuque a week ago, and has been working on the work before him, dividing his time between his hotel and the capitol. A glance at the calendar of the house will give an idea of the work before him. It contains already four special orders, 12 bills reported to the committee of the whole house on the state of the union; 97 on the house calendar. If all these bills are passed, and the amount of money appropriated in them added to the amount required by the regular appropriation bills, the government will be obliged to raise money by the bankruptcy law. And still the sixty committees of the house will continue to grind out bills until the first day of March, at least doubling the number already on the calendar.

On June 6 last, Mr. Cannon summed up the appropriations made by the first session of the present congress as \$709,729,478.89. If this session does as well as the last, the sum total will be \$1,419,478,774. As to the investigation, the ship building bill, the Nicaragua canal bill, all of which are being strongly pressed, and the outlook can be by no means reassuring. Aside from this, everybody is looking for the repeal of the tax on the state of the union; 97 on the house calendar. If all these bills are passed, and the amount of money appropriated in them added to the amount required by the regular appropriation bills, the government will be obliged to raise money by the bankruptcy law. And still the sixty committees of the house will continue to grind out bills until the first day of March, at least doubling the number already on the calendar.

The ways and means and the committee on appropriations are undoubtedly the most wonderful legislative machines on the American continent. One controls the revenues of the nation, and the other controls the expenditure. Two exceptions, all other congressional machines pale into insignificance in comparison with them. These exceptions are the committee on military affairs and the committee on naval affairs. An attorney general, a graduate of Harvard, he left a country town in Vermont and began the practice of law in Chicago. He had been there only six years when he was elected to the house. He was then thirty-one years old. From that time he has been in the committee on naval affairs. Death and politics gave him rapid advancement. He was near the top of the committee at the beginning of the present congress, when the illness of Charles F. Smith, a graduate of Harvard, left a vacancy in the committee. Foss has the way to the new promotion. Foss has already proved himself a careful and trustworthy engineer. He has made himself conversant with all the intricacies of his machine and works it like a veteran. An attorney general, a graduate of Harvard, he left a country town in Vermont and began the practice of law in Chicago. He had been there only six years when he was elected to the house. He was then thirty-one years old. From that time he has been in the committee on naval affairs. Death and politics gave him rapid advancement. He was near the top of the committee at the beginning of the present congress, when the illness of Charles F. Smith, a graduate of Harvard, left a vacancy in the committee. Foss has the way to the new promotion. Foss has already proved himself a careful and trustworthy engineer. He has made himself conversant with all the intricacies of his machine and works it like a veteran.

Assistent Engineer Hull has also been in the engine-room of the committee on military affairs. He started his machinery a few days ago, and its wheels and came are running smoothly and without friction. At the late session Hull had considerable trouble in racing against the machine picked up a nail sent from Idaho. Its cogs were bent and its winches were cracked. The wipers and oilers were evidently not in sympathy with the efforts of the assistant engineer to repair her, and the machinery cracked horribly. There were riotous scenes in her engine-room. The trouble attracted the attention of the nation. Hull, however, held the lever with a firm hand, and turned out work that seemed to be done. In the next congress the result of the late election. The machinery is now said to be in excellent order. It ought to be so, for its capability will be strongly tested this winter. A bill for quadrupling the permanent force of the regular army on Monday, David B. Henderson, the engineer-in-chief of the house of representatives, will deposit his crutches behind the speaker's chair and seize the lever of legislation. The great fly-wheel will begin to revolve, and the shaft-work in each committee will move in unison. Everything is in gear and there is every prospect that the anticipations of those who control the machinery will be realized. Whether this realization of their hopes will be acceptable to the American people however, is another question.

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for hospital, that she has slightly improved. Emblem division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will meet this evening in regular session. The adjudicators for the Christmas extended, under the auspices of the Welsh Congregational church, are as follows: On music, Prof. C. C. Evans, of Wilkes-Barre; on recitations, poetry, etc., Rev. David P. Jones, of West Scranton. The committee in charge of the event are laboring unceasingly for its success and undoubtedly will be rewarded. A lecture will be given at the Methodist Episcopal church on Thursday evening by the Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D. Mrs. Judson Smith and daughter, of Lincoln Heights, visited relatives here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connell, of Great Bend, visited friends in this borough yesterday. Miss Della Williams visited friends in Hyde Park yesterday.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD. Hon. P. E. Timlin has, lately, presented the local miners' union with a valuable collection of books to their reading room. The men appreciate the kindness and at their last meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Timlin. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Wildermuth, of Wilkes-Barre, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Day, of Cemetery street. Mrs. Alice Griffiths is confined to her home on Second street with sickness. Rev. Williams, the "Drummer Evangelist," will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday morning. A child of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Douglas, of the East Side, is ill of bronchitis. Will Bray, of Hazleton, who has been attending to his father-in-law, the late Mr. Kirby, of Green Ridge, is visiting relatives here. Mrs. Samuel Langman, of Fourth street, is quite sick. The many friends of Mrs. Edith, of Scott, will be sorry to hear of her serious illness of an abscess of the ear. Mrs. Blakeslee and daughter, of Cold Spring, N. Y., are the guests of Mrs. C. D. Winter, of Main street. Miss Janet Gardner, of Scranton, spent yesterday in town with friends. Mrs. E. J. Conroy, of Younging, is the guest of Mrs. T. E. Griffiths, of South Main street. Mrs. Maria Jay, of Third street, who has been spending several weeks in Scranton, has returned to her home.

OLYPHANT. The La Porte Comedry company will open a week's engagement at the Father Mathew Opera House this evening, when "A Gambler's Wife" will be presented. The company is a large one and composed of a number of clever performers. The prices during the week will be 10, 20 and 30 cents. P. J. McCormick, of Blakely, has been appointed check weighmaster at the No. 2 colliery of the Delaware and Hudson company. He entered upon his duties Saturday. The appointment was made in accordance to a recent order issued by the company, which gives the miners the power to select and employ at their own expense a check weighmaster. Any disagreement between the regular weighmaster and the check weighmaster will be referred to the foreman for settlement. No check weighmaster has been appointed at the Eddy Creek colliery as yet. J. A. Waring, of Mott Haven, has accepted a position in Atherton's cash store. P. V. Donnelly, of Carbondale, was a visitor in town yesterday.

JESSUP. Two hundred children were confirmed at St. James' church yesterday by the Rev. Bishop McLaughlin, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Hara, of Archdiocese; Rev. P. J. Murphy, of Olyphant, and the pastor, E. J. Lafferty. The High school football team was defeated by a nicked team from Scranton yesterday, which was composed mostly of St. Thomas' college players. In the first ten minutes of the first half the visiting team made two touchdowns. The local team played an excellent game, but failed to score, leaving the score 10-0 in favor of Scranton. Prof. M. J. O'Boyle, of Archdiocese, was a caller in town yesterday. P. J. Conroy and sister, Ella, of Dunmore, formerly of this place, were callers in town yesterday. The foot ball team's social will be held tonight at Sweeney's. Misses Gertrude and Sarah Coghlin and Miss Collins, of Pine Brook, were callers in town yesterday. Miss Monahan, of Wilkes-Barre, is visiting at the Kelly residence on Depot street. The council will hold their usual meeting at the borough building tonight. You have well, who has been visiting in Scranton, is visiting at the Wright residence on Lane street. Miss Katie Walton, of Scranton, is visiting friends in town.

DUNMORE. Council No. 1022, Junior Order United American Mechanics, attended services at the Baptist church on Dudley street, last night. A large number were in attendance and were much pleased with the eloquent sermon of Rev. J. L. Kroeger, who addressed his remarks to those present in his usual happy vein. Rev. W. H. Williams, the drummer evangelist, had charge of the services at the Dudley Street Baptist church yesterday morning. His remarks were addressed especially to young men, his subject being "The Young Man and His Company." The remains of Ernest, the 6-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Friend Hallock, who died on Friday as the result of a recent attack of diphtheria, were interred on Saturday afternoon in Dunmore cemetery. This family has been sorely afflicted, having seven children ill with dread diphtheria at one time. At this time the rest of the family are reported as doing well. The Republican club will hold an important meeting in Frost's hall this evening. All Republicans in town are urged to be present. The Knights of Malta will hold an important meeting in their hall on Thursday night. At this meeting "Mark" degree is to be worked and several candidates will be initiated. It is hoped a large number will be present. The collection taken at the Home Thanksgiving services, amounting to \$14.20, has been given to the Union for the Friendless. The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Daniel Swartz at her home on Blakely street, Thursday afternoon next at 3 o'clock. The school board will hold their regular monthly meeting in the High school tomorrow night. Miss Cornelia Galpin leaves for New York this morning, where she will resume her studies at Miss Graham's school. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warg have returned from a week's tour of the eastern states, where they spent their honeymoon. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vickers, of Cemetery street, will be sorry to learn that they will remove to Johnstown during the present week, where Mr. Vickers has secured a lucrative position. Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens have returned from their wedding tour, which embraced a number of western cities. Chris Vickers, who has been located at Johnstown for several months, spent a part of last week with his family at Apple street. Miss Lynch, of New York, is being entertained by Mrs. A. D. Blackinton at the "Homestead," on Elm street. Mr. Raymond, of South Norwalk, Conn., who has been spending a few days with Rev. A. J. Van Cleef, of Blakely street, has returned home. Marcus Tathill, of Hawley, is visiting his school friend, Mr. George Ellis, of Church street. Miss Marjory Lewis, of Pittston, is being entertained by Miss Cornelia Galpin, of Elm street. Mrs. John Ellis, who has been visiting her father, Mr. Stephen Richards, of Riggs street, the past few weeks, has returned to her home in Newark, N. J. The funeral of Lionel, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hodgell, took place on Saturday morning. The remains were taken to Hollisterville by Undertaker Letchworth for interment.

MINISTERS' MEETING. The Pastors of the Abington Baptist Association Assemble at Berean Church Today. The Scranton Baptist Ministers' conference will meet at the Berean Baptist church in this city today. The organization includes all the pastors and clergymen residing within the bounds of the Abington association. At 11 o'clock the ministers and their wives will be banqueted by the Ladies' Aid society of the church. During the dinner and the toasts that will follow, the High school orchestra will furnish music. Rev. W. B. Grow will preside at the after-dinner exercises, and Rev. S. F. Matthews, of the First Baptist church, of Scranton, who is the president of the conference, will preside at all other exercises. Socially and otherwise this is likely to be a notable meeting of the Baptist clergymen of this county and vicinity.

A New Locomotive. The Delaware and Hudson company has received another new locomotive from the Dickson company, of Scranton. It is the first of a series of fifteen ordered from the Dickson company and with the former series of ten, makes the twenty-three locomotives delivered to the Delaware and Hudson company within a few months. Opening Delayed. Rev. R. A. Sawyer, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, last evening announced that the opening of the new church building will not take place till late in January. He had hoped to hold services in it Christmas, but owing to unforeseen delays it seems impossible to get the new edifice ready in time. Miss Blair Buried. The funeral of Miss Margaret Blair was held Saturday afternoon from the home of her brother, on Sixth avenue. A large number were in attendance. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery. Back to College. Thomas Loftus left yesterday to resume his studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Newell Van Bergen and John J. Nolan leave today for Lehigh university.

THE PASSING THROUG. Francis McAndrew is ill with pneumonia. Roy Foster, of Pittston, is visiting his parents here. Joseph Utley spent Sunday with his mother at Greenwood. Guy Little is afflicted with several painful boils on his arm. Clarence Ball, of Jermyn, spent Sunday in town with friends. Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, of Park street, a son. Charles Townsend, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday in town. Charles Bonham, of Forest City, visited friends in town yesterday. Mrs. T. J. Maxey, who has been visiting in Dunmore, has returned. Mrs. John E. Morgan, of Washington avenue, is in Susquehanna. Mrs. M. L. Chapman, of Shamokin, is visiting her brother, D. C. Van Scoten. Conrad Waible, of this city, spent Sunday with relatives in Dunmore. John O'Brien has returned from New York, where he spent a few days last week. Miss Ethel Wagner has returned from a visit with relatives in Wayne county. Miss Mame Burke has returned to Susquehanna after a pleasant visit in this city. Mrs. Truman Utley and daughters, Leon and Bessie, are visiting friends in Windsor, N. Y. J. E. Dennis and family have returned home from several weeks' visit in Wayne county. Miss Mammie Glennon has returned from Olyphant, where she has been the guest of friends. J. E. Dennis has accepted employment on the new silk mill and will remain in this city. Amabel Gardner, of Clifford, has returned home, after a few days' visit with friends in this city. P. M. Hoadley and wife, of Newburgh, N. Y., are visiting their sister, Mrs. William Hollenbeck, on Copeland avenue. Henry Battle, who was operated on at the Carbondale Emergency hospital some time ago, has recovered and is out again. Mrs. Dr. E. A. Holmes and her two children, of Downsville, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Smith, of Park street.

AT HOME. Henry Warner, of Cadonia, formerly of this city, employed on the Ontario and Western, has removed his family from the former place to Mayfield. C. H. Rettew and wife left yesterday for their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., after a few days' visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. C. E. Rettew, on John street. **TAYLOR.** The service over the remains of the late Mrs. Robert Coombs was held at her late home, on Washington street, yesterday afternoon and was conducted by the Rev. C. B. Henry, whose sermon was touching and eloquent. At the close of the service the remains were conveyed to the Forest Home cemetery, where interment was made. A quartette from the Calvary Baptist church sang several excellent anthems during the funeral service. Mrs. John R. Lewis and Mrs. W. R. Lewis, of Hyde Park, visited friends here yesterday. Misses Jessie and Lizzie Owens, of Oak street, were guests of friends in West Scranton yesterday. The funeral of the late Miss Edith Jones, of Hanson street in Hyde Park, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The funeral services were held in the Calvary Baptist church at 3 o'clock. Rev. James Benning officiated. Many floral offerings were received and were of a very beautiful variety. The church choir rendered several appropriate anthems during the services. Rev. D. C. Edwards officiated at Wilkes-Barre yesterday. Reports come from the bedside of Miss Lizzie Hodge, of the Moses Taylor hospital, that she has slightly improved.

DECKVILLE. Mr. George Wescott, of Scranton, was a caller in town yesterday. Theodore Bickman, Wallis Exria and Emory Brown returned Saturday from St. Clair, where they have been employed at carpenter work for the past two months. The Vernon supper given by the Wilson Five company Saturday was largely attended by out of town people. The supper was one of the best ever given in Deckville, and was greatly enjoyed by those who partook the excellent dishes. The ladies deserve great credit for their interesting efforts. Mrs. William Snodder is spending a few days with her relatives in Deckville. William Vanhook, who has been very ill, is reported much improved. Mrs. O. D. Seer, who has been dangerously ill of typhoid fever, is now improving. Mrs. Cella Tanner is visiting relatives in Scranton.

CLEANING OUT CENTER STREET. Chief Robbing Engineered Three Raids on Saturday Night. A few months ago Mayor Moir succeeded in cleaning out Center street, between Penn and Wyoming avenues, and at that time he served notice on the proprietors of all the disreputable resorts on the same street, between Penn and Franklin avenues, that they would have to move out. They didn't heed his advice, and as a consequence three of the houses were raided on Saturday night by Chief Robbing. Detective Moir and a squad of nine patrolmen, Clara Weiche's place was first raided, and she and eight women and two men were gathered in. At Li Henry's place three women and two men were captured, while at Kate Kinder's resort four women were taken into custody. The "Little Broadway" was also raided, but the place was empty. The policemen were all arranged yesterday morning before Mayor Moir, who collected just \$180 from the crowd. He fined the Weiche woman \$25, and Li Henry and Kate Kinder \$50 each. The women each paid \$5. Two of the men paid the \$10 fine imposed, while the other two were committed for thirty days, not having any spare cash. The names given by all the parties arrested were the usual fictitious ones, John Smith, Heise Jones, May Thomas, etc.

MEETINGS TONIGHT. Select council, 8 o'clock. School board, 8 o'clock. Olive Leaf lodge, No. 138, I. O. O. F., 8 o'clock. Typographical union, No. 230, 8 o'clock. Federal union, No. 7204, 8 o'clock. Branch No. 136, National Association Letter Carriers, 8 o'clock. Young Men's Institute, 8 o'clock. **Taking Up Bonds.** Saturday morning a number of the holders of the first and second mortgage bonds of the Klots silk mill presented their bonds to the collector. **DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND THE National Apron Sale** To Be Held December 4. Trinity Parish House. **Refreshments Will Be Served.** Oysters (Stewed, Fried and Raw). Clam Chowder, Coffee and Rolls. **Sale Opens** at 8 o'clock and continues for two nights.

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sent their bonds at the Miners' and Mechanics' bank, in accordance with the advertisement of the company, who desire to retire these bonds as soon as possible. Saturday was the last day on which interest will be paid and those who still hold the securities would do well to realize on them and invest their money in some other way.

Dull at the Theater. The audience that saw "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" on Saturday evening was probably the smallest that actors have faced here in a long time. By actual count there were just forty-four persons in the orchestra, chairs down, and a comparatively small audience up stairs. The play itself was one which could hardly be expected to appeal to amusement lovers, for it was a tract written in dialogue form. It was almost too gruesome for a family play. Besides the apron sale, the theater for an hour in the evening. The next play scheduled to appear here is "The Woman in Black," and after the amateur contest there are a number of good repertoire and starring companies booked. After the middle of the present month the grand will have but few dark nights.

The Apron Fair. The ladies of Trinity guild will open their national apron sale tomorrow evening in the parish house. The guild has been preparing for this sale for a long time. Besides the aprons, there will be a very large assortment of fancy articles of all kinds for sale and refreshments will be served. The aprons have been collected from nearly every state in the union, and a number have come from foreign countries, especially in this sale. The company who have had this bazaar in preparation have done their work exceedingly well, and as the Christmas holidays are drawing near this will be an excellent chance for every one to stock up on gifts at a reasonable figure. Many pretty and desirable articles will be displayed. The proceeds of the sale will go toward finishing the church edifice.

A Serious Charge. Alderman Morrison had a case before him on Friday evening that was of unusual interest. Mrs. Hannah G. Goff and Miss Libbie Young were the defendants, and Frank J. Wayman and his daughter, Bertha, were the plaintiffs. The Waymans charged the Youngs with enticing Bertha Wayman to enter a house of ill-fame. The evidence adduced was of a sensational character. Alderman Morrison, after listening to this for some time, gave all the parties a severe talking to and dismissed the case.

He Will Be Missed. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Kimball, of Spring street, are preparing to go to Florida this week to spend the winter. Mr. Kimball is one of the foremost citizens of Carbondale. His public spirit and progressive ways have brought him prominently to the front and he is always in demand as a speaker or an honored guest at all public and most private functions. His prolonged absence will be keenly felt and sincerely regretted.

Charged with Various Offenses. George J. Mannon, of Hill street, a brakeman on the Delaware and Hudson, was arrested on Friday evening on the complaint of Lyman Baker, driver for Dr. Malann, charged with assault and battery, carrying concealed weapons and making threats. He was brought before Alderman S. S. Jones, who held him in \$500 bail.

Improving. Fred Hubbard, who has been seriously ill for some time, is now on the road to recovery, and his greatly improved the past week. His sister, Mrs. George Miller, of New York city, who was summoned here on account of his sickness, returned to her home on Saturday.

Change in Positions. Thomas Budd, who for some time has been stationed at the local coal sockets on the Delaware and Hudson company, has been given a position as foreman. His place will be filled by his brother, Richard Budd, who for a few weeks has been a brakeman.

At Home. Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbs, who were recently married in this city, have returned from their wedding tour and have taken up their residence at the home of Mrs. Gibbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Tallman, on Seventh avenue.

A Temporary Position. Joseph Glennon, a recent graduate of the commercial department of the High school, is filling temporarily the position of C. P. O'Connor as stenographer in the office of the Hendrick works. Mr. O'Connor is in Philadelphia.

A New Engineer. James McCawley, of River street, who for a long time has been employed on the Delaware and Hudson in the capacity of fireman, has been promoted. He will now handle the throttle on one of the locomotives.

A Foot Ballist Recovering. James Mason, who was injured in the Carbondale-Dunmore foot ball game in this city on Thanksgiving day, is improving. His foot still troubles him, and he will not be able to attend to his business for several days.

Money. The miners employed at the North-west breaker were given their semi-monthly pay on Saturday by the Temple Coal and Iron company.

A New Clerk. Byron S. Clark, the grocer, of Salem avenue, has engaged Harry Brownell as clerk. Mr. Brownell enters upon his duties today.

Communications of a news nature, personals and all items for publication may be left at The Tribune's new offices in the Burke Building, or sent by mail or phone.

AT THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.

Berean Baptist Church. The morning service was devoted wholly to the observance of the Lord's supper. The attendance of the membership was very gratifying, as was also the attendance of the general congregation. The officers are especially gratified that the introduction of this special communion service has not proved in the least exclusive to the many who are not members of the church, but who are regular attendants. Rev. W. B. Grow assisted in the service and by invitation the pastor and deacons extended the hand of fellowship to five members recently received. During the pastorate of Dr. Whalen new members have thus been welcomed at every communion season. The usual congregation was present in the evening, when the pastor preached upon "The Ruling of One's Own Spirit."

Congregational. At the First Congregational church Hy A. Parsons, of Scranton, spoke at both the morning and evening services. In the absence of Rev. M. C. Elliott, the pastor, who is on a visit to the Plymouth Congregational church in Plymouth. At the evening service Mr. Parsons spoke on the subject of "Divine Truth" and used crayon sketches to bring out and emphasize strong points in his discourse.

Second Presbyterian. The Rev. William A. Brown, of Annot, Pa., preached a scholarly sermon in the Second Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon after Sunday school.

Welsh Presbyterian. At the church home of the Welsh people of this section yesterday Rev. D. C. Phillips, of Hyde Park, spoke on the subject of "The Church as it is just now without a regular pastor, but it is the hope of some of its zealous workers that at some time in the very near future the Welsh Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists will unite and form a Welsh denominational body and in that way have pastor and congregation of Welsh birth or extraction, where the traditions of their dear home beyond the sea may be kept up.

Young Men's Union. At the Young Men's Gospel services yesterday afternoon at the First Congregational church building, Mr. Hy A. Parsons, of Scranton, made an earnest and forcible address to the young men. He was greeted by a large audience.

Dr. Lansing's Lecture. Tomorrow night is the time for Dr. Lansing's lecture at the First Baptist church. He will undoubtedly be greeted by as large and refined an audience as has ever been given to any lecturer in this city. The ushers are arranging to take care of a large crowd and to have every one comfortably seated. Do not stay at home because you want to leave your seat for another; he may not attend, and thus you will lose an opportunity of hearing the most eloquent clergyman in our half of the state, and the trustees will be deprived of their presence and support in this laudable undertaking. Silver offering, as usual.

The Amateur Contest. A week from tonight, Dec. 10, is the time set by Manager Daniel Byrne, of the Grand Opera House, for the contest open to all amateurs of this city. This means that all or any who have a knack (or fancy they have, which is not always the same thing) of entertaining their friends by dancing, singing or elocutionary effort will have an opportunity of demonstrating to a large audience what they are in them that appeals to public favor. Manager Byrne has offered several very handsome prizes for this evening. The only stipulation that is made in regard to the contest is that the act must be suitable to be presented before an audience of which ladies form a part.

A Fine December Sunday. Yesterday was like a spring day in its mildness and mellow sunshine. The balmy air and blue skies brought out large congregations at the city churches and in the parks. The boys were filled with a well-directed, contented-looking throng of promenaders during the afternoon. Many enjoyed walks to neighboring towns and seemed delighted to have one more opportunity to enjoy themselves in the open before the cold weather, so long overdue, sets in.

More Cases of Measles. Two more cases of measles were reported to the board of health by city physicians yesterday, as follows: Leslie Egan, aged three, of 74 Laurel street, First ward. A son of L. L. Loveland, aged six, of 85th avenue, Third ward. It is said that in one school district in this city there are forty-five children absent from school on account of this malady.

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